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Organization of the work of the Third Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items to be allocated by the General Assembly to the Third Committee will be listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee (A/C.3/53/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/53/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session, relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly on the rationalization of its work and that of the Third Committee, the schedule of related intergovernmental meetings and the availability of documentation, as well as past experience in the utilization of conference services.

3. In accordance with the wish of the Committee, time will be allocated for a question-and-answer session with the special rapporteurs and special representatives on human rights questions, following presentation of their reports under sub-item 113 (b). It should also be noted that delegations may make one statement each under sub-items 113 (a) and (d), which are to be discussed separately. Delegations may also make two statements under sub-items 113 (b), (c) and (e), but they should not make two statements on any one of those sub-items.

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List of documents

4. Attention is drawn to the status of preparation of documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Third Committee (to be issued as A/C.3/53/L.1/Add.1). Because of the critical need for the timely issuance of documentation, this report will be revised to update the information contained therein.

Length of statements

5. In accordance with established practice, the Committee has decided to limit statements on all agenda items. The time limit for statements in the general discussion of the various agenda items is seven minutes for delegations and 15 minutes for representatives of groups of delegations. Secretariat officials will also be limited to seven-minute statements, except when they deliver oral reports. In accordance with the decision of the General Assembly, delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to consideration of the same item. The first statement in exercise of the right of reply may be five minutes, and the second statement should be no longer than three minutes.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

6. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The General Assembly has reminded delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance for ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Control and limitation of documentation

7. The Committee's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 50/206 C of 23 December 1995 on the control and limitation of documentation. The Secretariat wishes to emphasize, in particular, paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of that resolution, in which the Assembly requested, *inter alia*, restraint on the part of members of all intergovernmental bodies in making proposals containing requests for new reports.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

8. The Committee is reminded that in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/53/3) are to be considered in conjunction with documentation under other agenda items, as well as under item 12.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

9. Bearing in mind the allocation of the number of meetings available to the Third Committee and previous decisions of the General Assembly, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 20 November for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft proposed programme of work of the Third Committee

Programme	*Documentation*
Wednesday, 9 September	
Consecutive meetings of the Main Committees to elect the Chairpersons (Plenary of the General Assembly)	
Wednesday, 16 September	
Election of the Bureau and organization of work	
Week of 5–9 October	
Monday, 5 October	
3 p.m. Introductory statements and general discussion of	
Item 103	
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998 (A/53/3) Report of the Secretary-General on the International Year of Older Persons
6 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on item 103*	
Tuesday, 6 October	
10 a.m. *Item 103* – General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 7 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 103 – General discussion (concluded)	
1 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 103*	

Programme	*Documentation*
Thursday, 8 October	
10 a.m. Introductory statements and general discussion of	
Item 104 – Crime prevention and criminal justice [a]	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998 (A/53/3)
	Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme
Item 105 – International drug control [a]	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998 (A/53/3)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances
	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (A/53/129-E/1998/58)
	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Global Programme of Action
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on items 104 and 105*	
Friday, 9 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 104 and 105 – General discussion (continued)	
Week of 12–16 October	
Monday, 12 October	
3 p.m. *Items 104 and 105* – General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 13 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 104 and 105 – General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 104 and 105*	

Programme	*Documentation*
Wednesday, 14 October	
10 a.m. Introductory statements and general discussion of	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998 (A/53/3)
Item 106 – Advancement of women[b]	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/53/38 parts I and II)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of women in the Secretariat
	Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls
	Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the United Nations Development Fund for Women
Item 107 – Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women[b]	Report of the Secretary-General
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on items 106 and 107*	
Thursday, 15 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 106 and 107 – General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 16 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 106 and 107 – General discussion (continued)	
Week of 19–23 October	
Monday, 19 October	
3 p.m.	
Items 106 and 107 – General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 106 and 107*	

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Programme	*Documentation*
Tuesday, 20 October	
3 p.m.	
Introductory statements and general discussion of	
Item 109	
Promotion and protection of the rights of children	Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (A/53/41)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the protection of children affected by armed conflict
6 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on item 109*	
Wednesday, 21 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 109 – General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 22 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 109 – General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 109*	

Programme	*Documentation*
Friday, 23 October	
10 a.m. Introductory statements and general discussion of	
Item 111[a]	
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998 (A/53/3)
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/53/18)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
	Report of the Secretary-General on proposals to supplement the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and coordination of activities
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
Item 112[a]	
Right of peoples to self-determination	Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples of self-determination
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the rights of peoples to self-determination
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on items 111 and 112*	
Monday, 26 October	
3 p.m.	
Items 111 and 112 – General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 27 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 111 and 112 – General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 111 and 112*	

Programme	*Documentation*
Wednesday, 28 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements and general discussion of	
Item 110	
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People	Report of the Secretary-General on the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations
	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the programme of activities for the Decade
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on item 110*	
6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 111*	

Programme	*Documentation*
Thursday, 29 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements and general discussion of	
Item 113 (a) [d e]	
Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998 (A/53/3)
	Report of the Human Rights Committee (A/53/40)
	Report of the Committee against Torture (A/53/44)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/53/253)
	Report of the Secretary-General on operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/53/230)
	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/118
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Genocide
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the ninth meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (A/53/125)
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on item 113 (a)*	
Friday, 30 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 113 (a) – General discussion (concluded)	
1 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 113 (a)*	

Programme	*Documentation*
Week of 2–6 November	
Monday, 2 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Introductory statements and general discussion of:	
Item 113 (b) [d e]	
Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms	Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances
	Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity
	Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the rule of law
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995–2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Cambodia
	Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development
	Report of the Secretary-General on the safety and security of all humanitarian personnel, and the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance
Item 113 (c) [d e]	

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme of technical cooperation prepared by the Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights aimed at strengthening institutional capacity in the field of human rights in Haiti
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Kosovo
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in southern Lebanon and West Bekaa
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Nigeria
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the activities of the Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on Rwanda
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Congo
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

Programme	*Documentation*
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on human rights in Haiti
Item 113 (d) [d e]	
Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Item 113 (e) [d e]	
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Report of the High Commissioner (A/53/36)
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on items 113 (b) to (e)*	
Tuesday, 3 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 113 (b) to (e) – General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 4 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 113 (b) to (e) – General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 5 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 113 (b) to (e) – General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 6 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 113 (b) to (e) – General discussion (continued)	
Week of 9-13 November	
Monday, 9 November	
3 p.m.:	
Items 113 (b) to (e) – General discussion (concluded)	

Programme	*Documentation*
Tuesday, 10 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 113 (b) to (e) – General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 113 (b), (c), (d) and (e)*	
Wednesday, 11 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements and general discussion of	
Item 108	
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/53/12) Report of the Executive Committee (A/53/12/Add.1) Report of the Secretary-General on the new international humanitarian order Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Programme of Action of the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on item 108*	
Thursday, 12 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 108 – General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 108*	
Friday, 13 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	

Programme	*Documentation*
Week of 16–20 November	
Monday, 16 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	
Tuesday, 17 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	
Wednesday, 18 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	
Thursday, 19 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	
Friday, 20 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Item 12 – Report of the Economic and Social Council	Report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998 (A/53/3)
Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee	

[a] It is proposed to discuss items 104 and 105 jointly; delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

[b] It is proposed to discuss items 106 and 107 jointly; delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

[c] See General Assembly decision 52/428; items 111 and 112 to be discussed jointly; delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

[d] See General Assembly decision 52/428; sub-items (a) and (d) to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (e) to be discussed jointly.

[e] See General Assembly decision 52/428; delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (a) and (d) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (e) but should not make two statements on any one of those sub-items.

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Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

Status of preparation of documentation

The annex to the present note provides information on the status of documentation before the Third Committee, as at 14 September 1998. An updated note will be issued before the start of work of the Third Committee.

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Annex

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THE THIRD COMMITTEE AS AT 14 SEPTEMBER 1998

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
Item 12	Report of the Economic and Social Council			
A/53/3	Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council	DGAACS	4 September	19 October
Item 103	Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family			
A/53/294	Report of the Secretary-General on the International Year of Older Persons (resolution 52/80)	DESA	27 August	22 September
A/53/63-S/1998/100	Letter dated 2 February 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Tokyo International Conference on Preventive Strategy, 13-15 January 1998			Issued
A/53/72-S/1998/156	Letter dated 23 February 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the documents of the Eighth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Tehran, 9-11 December 1997			Issued

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
A/53/95-S/1998/311	Letter dated 8 April 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the final communiqué of the twenty-fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, Doha, 15-17 March 1998			Issued
A/53/97	Letter dated 14 April 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the proceedings of the presentation to Canada of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt International Disability Award			Issued
A/53/356	Letter dated 4 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Final Declaration of the twenty-third meeting of Ministers of Health of countries of the Non-Aligned Movement, Havana, 25-26 July 1998		11 September	21 September
Item 104	Crime prevention and criminal justice			
	Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (resolution 52/91)	ODCCP	(September)	

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (resolution 52/89)	ODCCP	(September)	
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (resolution 52/90)	ODCCP	(September)	
Item 105	International drug control			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (resolution 52/92)	ODCCP	(September)	
A/53/129-E/1998/58	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (resolution 48/112)			Issued
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (resolution 52/92)	ODCCP	(September)	
A/53/72-S/1998/156	Letter dated 23 February 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the documents of the Eighth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Tehran, 9-11 December 1997			Issued

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A/53/95-S/1998/311	Letter dated 8 April 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the final communiqué of the twenty-fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, Doha, 15-17 March 1998			Issued
A/53/204	Letter dated 22 July 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Joint Declaration on the development and further strengthening of cooperation between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan			Issued
Item 106	Advancement of women			
A/53/38 (Part I)	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)			Issued
A/53/38 (Part II)	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180)	DESA	24 August	12 October
A/53/318	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 51/68)	DESA	26 August	5 October

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of women in the Secretariat (resolution 52/96)	EOSG	(mid-September)	
	Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls (resolution 52/98)	DESA	(mid-September)	
A/53/354	Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (resolution 52/99)	DESA	10 September	5 October
A/53/363	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolutions 39/125 and 52/94)	UNIFEM	10 September	5 October
A/53/72-S/1998/156	Letter dated 23 February 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the documents of the Eighth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Tehran, 9-11 December 1997			Issued

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A/53/87	Letter dated 13 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly transmitting the text of the Santiago Consensus adopted by the Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean at the Seventh Session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, 19-21 November 1997			Issued
A/53/95-S/1998/311	Letter dated 8 April 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the final communiqué of the twenty-fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, Doha, 15-17 March 1998			Issued
A/53/167	Letter dated 6 July 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a document entitled "Indictment by the Committee for Investigation of Damage caused by the Japanese Imperialists during their Occupation of Korea"			Issued

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
A/53/203	Note verbale dated 28 July 1998 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a communiqué from the Mission to the States Members of the United Nations			Issued
Item 107	Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women			
A/53/308	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 52/100)	DESA	26 August	5 October
A/53/72-S/1998/156	Letter dated 23 February 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the documents of the Eighth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Tehran, 9-11 December 1997			Issued
A/53/87	Letter dated 13 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly transmitting the text of the Santiago Consensus adopted by the Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean at the Seventh Session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, 19-21 November 1997			Issued

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A/53/95-S/1998/311	Letter dated 8 April 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the final communiqué of the twenty-fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, Doha, 15-17 March 1998			Issued
Item 108	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions			
A/53/12, Suppl. No. 12	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (resolution 52/103)	UNHCR	12 August	12 October
A/53/12/Add.1	Report of the Executive Committee (resolution 52/103)	UNHCR	(end October)	
	Report of the Secretary-General on the new international humanitarian order (resolution 51/74)	OCHA		
A/53/328	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (resolution 52/101)	UNHCR	2 September	19 October

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (resolution 52/102)	UNHCR		
A/53/325	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (resolution 52/105)	UNHCR	26 August	19 October
Item 109	Promotion and protection of the rights of children			
A/53/41, Suppl. No. 41	Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (resolution 44/25)	HR	8 July	18 September
A/53/281	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (resolution 52/107)	HR	25 August	25 September
A/53/311	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (resolution 52/107)	HR	26 August	25 September
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict on the protection of children affected by armed conflict (resolution 52/107)	OSRSG-CAC	(mid-September)	

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
A/53/57	Letter dated 19 December 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Agenda for Action adopted at the International Conference on Child Labour			Issued
A/53/72-S/1998/156	Letter dated 23 February 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the documents of the Eighth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Tehran, 9-11 December 1997			Issued
A/53/95-S/1998/311	Letter dated 8 April 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the final communiqué of the twenty-fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, Doha, 15-17 March 1998			Issued
Item 110	Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People			
A/53/282	Report of the Secretary-General on the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (decision 49/458)	HR	25 August	30 September

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
A/53/310	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (resolution 52/108)	HR	26 August	30 September
Item 111	Elimination of racism and racial discrimination			
A/53/18, Suppl. No. 18	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))	HR	10 September	19 October
A/53/255	Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 52/110)	HR	14 August	24 September
A/53/305	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (resolution 52/111)	HR	25 August	21 September
A/53/256	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 51/80)	HR		Issued
A/53/269	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (resolution 52/109)	HR	19 August	21 September
Item 112	Rights of peoples to self-determination			

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
A/53/280	Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (resolution 52/113)	HR	25 August	21 September
A/53/338	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the rights of peoples to self-determination (resolution 52/112)	HR	4 September	12 October
A/53/131-S/1998/435	Letter dated 27 May 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting three resolutions adopted by the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Council on 21 March 1998			Issued
A/53/205-S/1998/711	Letter dated 4 August 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
Item 113	Human rights questions			
A/53/58	Letter dated 31 December 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement on the situation in Nigeria issued on 26 December 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union			Issued

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A/53/74	Letter dated 20 February 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement issued on 11 February 1998 by the Presidency of the European Union on the ninth anniversary of the Iranian fatwa against Salman Rushdie			Issued
A/53/75	Letter dated 24 February 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement issued on 19 February 1998 by the Presidency of the European Union on the abolition of the death penalty in Azerbaijan			Issued
A/53/77-S/1998/171	Letter dated 26 February 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the texts of the appeal made by the inhabitants of the town of Khodjaly			Issued
A/53/79	Letter dated 5 March 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement by the Presidency of the European Union on 3 March 1998 concerning the upsurge of violence in Kosovo			Issued

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A/53/80	Letter dated 9 March 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the decree issued by the President of Georgia regarding the arrangements for celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights			Issued
A/53/94-S/1998/309	Letter dated 8 April 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Decree issued on 26 March 1998 by the President of Azerbaijan			Issued
A/53/99-S/1998/344	Letter dated 22 April 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the statement issued on 20 April 1998 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia			Issued
A/53/131-S/1998/435	Letter dated 27 May 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting three resolutions adopted by the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Council on 21 March 1998			Issued

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
A/53/167	Letter dated 6 July 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a document entitled "Indictment by the Committee for Investigation of Damage caused by the Japanese Imperialists during their Occupation of Korea"			Issued
A/53/203	Note verbale dated 28 July 1998 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a communiqué from the Mission to the States Members of the United Nations			Issued
A/53/205-S/1998/711	Letter dated 4 August 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/53/214	Letter dated 3 August 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement by the Presidency of the European Union on the elections in Cambodia			Issued

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
A/53/215	Letter dated 3 August 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement by the Presidency of the European Union on the recent developments in Myanmar			Issued
A/53/225-S/1998/747	Letter dated 12 August 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a letter dated 11 August 1998 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq			Issued
A/53/343	Letter dated 3 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			
Item 113 (a)	Implementation of human rights instruments			
A/53/40, Suppl. No. 40	Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI))	HR	11 September	
A/53/44, Suppl. No. 44	Report of the Committee against Torture (resolution 39/46)	HR	28 July	19 October
A/53/253	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (resolution 51/86)			Issued

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
A/53/283	Report of the Secretary-General on operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolution 51/86)	HR	25 August	30 September
A/53/230	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (resolution 52/115)			Issued
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/118	HR	(mid-September)	
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Genocide (resolution 260 A (III))	HR		
A/53/339	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (resolution 46/122)	HR	20 August	21 September
A/53/125	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the ninth meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies, on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (resolution 52/118)			Issued

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A/53/72-S/1998/156	Letter dated 23 February 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the documents of the Eighth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Tehran, 9-11 December 1997			Issued
A/53/95-S/1998/311	Letter dated 8 April 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the final communiqué of the twenty-fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, Doha, 15-17 March 1998			Issued
A/53/118	Letter dated 7 May 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General on the decree issued by the President of Turkmenistan on activities relating to the celebration in Turkmenistan of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights			Issued
Item 113 (b)	Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms			
A/53/304	Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (resolution 51/94)	HR	26 August	30 September

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
A/53/324	Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 51/102)	HR	1 September	30 September
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (resolutions 51/105 and 52/131)	HR		
A/53/293	Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (resolution 52/120)	HR	27 August	28 September
A/53/309	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the rule of law (resolution 52/125)	HR	26 August	30 September
A/53/313	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights (resolution 52/127)	HR	27 August	30 September
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Cambodia (resolution 52/135)	HR	(mid-September)	
A/53/268	Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (resolution 52/136)	HR		Issued

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
	Report of the Secretary-General on safety and security situation of all humanitarian personnel; and the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations (resolutions 52/126 and 52/167)	DM		
A/53/337	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (resolution 51/92)	HR		Issued
A/53/284	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance (resolution 51/95)	UNESCO/DESA	25 August	30 September
A/53/279	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (resolution 52/122)	HR	24 August	30 September
A/53/72-S/1998/156	Letter dated 23 February 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the documents of the Eighth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Tehran, 9-11 December 1997			Issued

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
A/53/81-S/1998/225	Identical letters dated 11 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the General Assembly transmitting the statement issued by the Government of the Republic of Serbia on 10 March 1998 concerning the situation in Kosovo and Metohija			Issued
A/53/82-S/1998/229	Letter dated 12 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement issued by the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on 11 March 1998			Issued
A/53/83-S/1998/230	Letter dated 12 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement issued by the Government of the Republic of Serbia on 11 March 1998			Issued
A/53/86-S/1998/240	Letter dated 16 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a letter dated 15 March 1998 from the President of the Government of the Republic of Serbia to the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross			Issued

Document symbol	Document title (mandate)	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission	Projected date of issue
A/53/89-S/1998/250	Letter dated 18 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the declaration dated 18 March 1998 by the President of the Republic of Serbia on the political process in Kosovo and Metohija			Issued
A/53/93-S/1998/291	Letter dated 1 April 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement issued on 1 April 1998 by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia			Issued
A/53/95-S/1998/311	Letter dated 8 April 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the final communiqué of the twenty-fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, Doha, 15-17 March 1998			Issued
A/53/98-S/1998/335	Letter dated 17 April 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement of the Yugoslav Third Army			Issued

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A/53/113-S/1998/345	Letter dated 23 April 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a statement by the President of Yugoslavia			Issued
A/53/115-S/1998/365	Letter dated 30 April 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a statement of the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia			Issued
Item 113 (c)	Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives			
A/53/364	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (resolution 52/137)	DPA	10 September	12 October
	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme of technical cooperation prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights aimed at strengthening institutional capacity in the field of human rights in Haiti (resolution 52/138)	HR		
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Kosovo (resolution 52/139)	HR	(mid-September)	

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	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in southern Lebanon and West Bekaa (Commission on Human Rights resolution 1998/62)	HR	(mid-September)	
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (Council decision 1998/264)	HR	(mid-September)	
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq (Council decision 1998/263)	HR	(mid-September)	
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (Council decision 1998/273)	HR	(mid-September)	
A/53/366	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Nigeria (Council decision 1998/262)	HR	11 September	12 October
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (Council decision 1998/267)	HR	(mid-September)	

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A/53/367	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the activities of the Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda (resolution 52/146)	HR	11 September	12 October
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on Rwanda (Council decision 1998/266)	HR	(mid-September)	
A/53/322	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Council decision 1998/272)	HR	3 September	12 October
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi (Council decision 1998/274)	HR	(mid-September)	
A/53/365	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Council decision 1998/260)	HR	10 September	12 October
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons (Council decision 1998/257)	HR		

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	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (Council decision 1998/261)	HR	(mid-September)	
A/53/355	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti (Commission on Human Rights resolution 1998/58)	HR	4 September	12 October
A/53/84-S/1998/234	Letter dated 13 March 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the joint declaration of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of countries of south-eastern Europe concerning the situation in Kosovo, adopted at Sofia on 10 March 1998			Issued
A/53/114	Letter dated 23 April 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement issued on 21 April 1998 by the Presidency of the European Union on the withdrawal of the United Nations human rights enquiry team from the Democratic Republic of the Congo			Issued

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A/53/120	Letter dated 8 May 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement on the murder of Bishop Gerardi in Guatemala issued on 4 May 1998 by the Presidency of the European Union			Issued
A/53/182-S/1998/669	Letter dated 20 July 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement by the President of the European Union on the report of the United Nations inquiry into human rights violations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (the former Zaire), issued on 17 July 1998			Issued
A/53/188	Letter dated 22 July 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement by the President of the European Union on Nigeria issued on 22 July 1998			Issued
Item 113 (d)	Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action			
A/53/372	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (resolutions 48/121 and 52/148)	HR	11 September	12 October

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Item 113 (e)	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights			
A/53/36, Suppl. No. 36	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (resolution 48/141)	HR		

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Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items that have been allocated by the General Assembly to the Third Committee are listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee (A/C.3/53/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/53/100).

Programme of work

2. The programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session, relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly on the rationalization of its work and that of the Third Committee, the schedule of related intergovernmental meetings and the availability of documentation, as well as past experience in the utilization of conference services.

3. In accordance with the wish of the Committee, time will be allocated for a question-and-answer session with the special rapporteurs and special representatives on human rights questions, following presentation of their reports under sub-item 110 (b). It should also be noted that delegations may make one statement each under sub-items 110 (a) and (d), which are to be discussed separately. Delegations may also make two statements under sub-items 110 (b), (c) and (e), but they should not make two statements on any one of those sub-items.

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List of documents

4. Attention is drawn to the status of preparation of documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Third Committee (A/C.3/53/L.1/Add.1). A revised and updated version of the document will be issued shortly before the start of the Committee's work.

Length of statements

5. In accordance with established practice, the Committee has decided to limit statements on all agenda items. The time limit for statements in the general discussion of the various agenda items is seven minutes for delegations and 15 minutes for representatives of groups of delegations. Secretariat officials will also be limited to seven-minute statements, except when they deliver oral reports. In accordance with the decision of the General Assembly, delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to consideration of the same item. The first statement in exercise of the right of reply may be five minutes, and the second statement should be no longer than three minutes.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

6. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The General Assembly has reminded delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance for ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Control and limitation of documentation

7. The Committee's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 50/206 C of 23 December 1995 on the control and limitation of documentation. The Secretariat wishes to emphasize, in particular, paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of that resolution, in which the Assembly requested, *inter alia*, restraint on the part of members of all intergovernmental bodies in making proposals containing requests for new reports.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

8. The Committee is reminded that in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/53/3) are to be considered in conjunction with documentation under other agenda items, as well as under item 12.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

9. Bearing in mind the allocation of the number of meetings available to the Third Committee and previous decisions of the General Assembly, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 20 November for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Programme of work of the Third Committee

Programme	*Documentation*
Week of 5–9 October	
Monday, 5 October	
3 p.m. Introductory statements and general discussion of	
Item 100	
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998 (A/53/3) Report of the Secretary-General on the International Year of Older Persons (A/53/294)
6 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on item 100*	
Tuesday, 6 October	
10 a.m. *Item 100* – General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 7 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 100 – General discussion (concluded)	
1 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 100*	

Programme	*Documentation*
Thursday, 8 October	
10 a.m. Introductory statements and general discussion of:	
Item 101 – Crime prevention and criminal justice*	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998 (A/53/3) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/53/381) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and on preparations for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/53/380)
Item 102 – International drug control*	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998 (A/53/3) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (A/53/383) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (A/53/129-E/1998/58) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Global Programme of Action (A/53/382)
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on items 101 and 102*	
Friday, 9 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 101 and 102 – General discussion (continued)	
Week of 12–16 October	
Monday, 12 October	
10 a.m. *Items 101 and 102* – General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 13 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 101 and 102 – General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 101 and 102*	

Programme	*Documentation*
Wednesday, 14 October	
10 a.m. Introductory statements and general discussion of:	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998 (A/53/3)
Item 103 – Advancement of women[b]	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/53/38, parts I and II)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of women in the Secretariat (A/53/376)
	Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls
	Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the United Nations Development Fund for Women
Item 104 – Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women[b]	Report of the Secretary-General
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on items 103 and 104*	
Thursday, 15 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 103 and 104 – General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 16 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 103 and 104 – General discussion (continued)	
Week of 19–23 October	
Monday, 19 October	
3 p.m.	
Items 103 and 104 – General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 103 and 104*	

Programme	*Documentation*
Tuesday, 20 October	
3 p.m.:	
Introductory statements and general discussion of	
Item 106	
Promotion and protection of the rights of children	Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (A/53/41)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the protection of children affected by armed conflict
6 p.m.: *Closure of list of speakers on item 106*	
Wednesday, 21 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Item 106 – General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 22 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Item 106 – General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.: *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 106*	

Programme	*Documentation*
Friday, 23 October	
10 a.m. Introductory statements and general discussion of	
Item 108[a]	
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998 (A/53/3)
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/53/18)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
	Report of the Secretary-General on proposals to supplement the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and coordination of activities
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (A/53/256)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/53/269)
Item 109[a]	
Right of peoples to self-determination	Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/53/280)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the rights of peoples to self-determination
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on items 108 and 109*	
Week of 26-30 October	
Monday, 26 October	
3 p.m.	
Items 108 and 109 – General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 27 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 108 and 109 – General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 108 and 109*	

Programme	*Documentation*
Wednesday, 28 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Introductory statements and general discussion of	
Item 107	
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People	**Report of the Secretary-General on the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations** **Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the programme of activities for the Decade**
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on item 107*	
6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 107*	
Thursday, 29 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements and general discussion of	
Item 110 (a) [a,c]	
Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998 (A/53/3) Report of the Human Rights Committee (A/53/40) Report of the Committee against Torture (A/53/44) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/53/253) Report of the Secretary-General on operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/53/230) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/138 Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Genocide

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	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the ninth meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (A/53/125)
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on item 110 (a)*	
Friday, 30 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 110 (a) – General discussion (concluded)	
1 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 110 (a)*	
Week of 2–6 November	
Monday, 2 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements and general discussion of	
Item 110 (b) [a]	
Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms	Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances
	Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity
	Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the rule of law
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995–2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Cambodia
	Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on the safety and security of all humanitarian personnel, and the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance
Item 110 (c) [a]	
Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar
	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme of technical cooperation prepared by the Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights aimed at strengthening institutional capacity in the field of human rights in Haiti
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Kosovo
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in southern Lebanon and West Bekaa
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Nigeria
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the activities of the Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on Rwanda
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

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	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Congo
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on human rights in Haiti
Item 110 (d) [*]	
Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Item 110 (e) [**]	
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Report of the High Commissioner (A/53/36)
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on items 110 (b) to (e)*	
Tuesday, 3 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 110 (b) to (e) – General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 4 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 110 (b) to (e) – General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 5 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 110 (b) to (e) – General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 6 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 110 (b) to (e) – General discussion (continued)	

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Week of 9–13 November	
Monday, 9 November	
3 p.m.	
Items 110 (b) to (e) – General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 10 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 110 (b) to (e) – General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 110 (b), (c), (d) and (e)*	
Wednesday, 11 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements and general discussion of	
Item 105	
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/53/12)
	Report of the Executive Committee (A/53/12/Add.1)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the new international humanitarian order
	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa
	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Programme of Action of the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States
	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers on item 105*	
Thursday, 12 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 105 – General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m. *Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 105*	

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Friday, 13 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	
Week of 16–20 November	
Monday, 16 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	
Tuesday, 17 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	
Wednesday, 18 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	
Thursday, 19 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	
Friday, 20 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 12 – Report of the Economic and Social Council	Report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998 (A/53/3)
Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee	

[a] It is proposed to discuss items 101 and 102 jointly; delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

[b] It is proposed to discuss items 103 and 104 jointly; delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

[c] See General Assembly decision 52/428, items 108 and 109 to be discussed jointly; delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

[d] See General Assembly decision 52/428, sub-items (a) and (d) to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (e) to be discussed jointly.

[e] See General Assembly decision 52/428, delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (a) and (d) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (e), but should not make two statements on any one of those sub-items.